

Chapter 10.18

EMERGENCY AMBULANCES

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10.18.010 **Emergency Ambulance Defined.**

The term emergency ambulance shall mean any ambulance when responding to an emergency call or conveying a person to a hospital in a bona fide emergency, but not upon return from any such emergency call. (Ord. 15653 §1; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.20.010: Ord. 7387; February 20, 1960: prior Ord. 6496; November 6, 1956: Ord. 5699 §4.101; April 12, 1954).

10.18.020 **Special Privileges; Conditions.**

The driver of any emergency ambulance may exercise the privileges set forth in this section, but subject to the conditions herein stated.

(a) The driver of an emergency ambulance may:

(1) Park or stand such vehicle, irrespective of the provisions of this title, except upon specific direction of a police officer.

(2) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down, and only after the driver has ascertained that such movement can be made without endangering the life and property of others.

(3) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions, only after the driver has ascertained that such movement can be made without endangering life or property.

(b) The exemptions herein granted to an emergency ambulance shall apply only when the driver of said vehicle, while in motion, sounds an audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary, and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of such vehicle.

(c) The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of any emergency ambulance from the duty to comply with the ordinances of the City of Lincoln prescribing the maximum speeds at which motor vehicles may be operated, nor the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of the driver's failure to exercise due care for the safety of others. (Ord. 15653 §2; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.20.020; Ord. 5699 §4.102, as amended by Ord. 6496; November 6, 1956: prior Ord. 7387 §4; February 20, 1961.

10.18.030 **Yielding Right-of-Way to Emergency Ambulance.**

The driver of a vehicle upon a street shall yield the right-of-way to emergency ambulances when such emergency ambulance is sounding a siren and has a lighted red light visible thereon as hereinbefore

provided. Upon the approach of any emergency ambulance, the driver of every other vehicle, except emergency vehicles, shall immediately drive to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right-hand edge or curb of street, except on one-way streets where the driver shall drive to the nearest curb, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until such emergency ambulance shall have passed, unless otherwise directed by a police officer. (Ord. 15653 §3; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.20.030: Ord. 5699 §4.103, as amended by Ord. 7387; February 20, 1961).